

Dellview Baptist Church News & Views



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Serving God

By Pastor Phil

One of the purposes of the church is to serve or to minister. The word that is translated minister is also the word that is translated deacon. Deacons are servants. The church is called to minister to people. The church is called to serve people.

I want to look at what we as a church and as individuals are expected to do to fulfill this purpose. Jesus said he came to serve, not to be served. As Christians, we are also called to serve God in some way because of what He has done for us.

1 Peter 2:9-10 tells us; *"But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."*

Because we call ourselves Christians, we are chosen by God to be special. We belong to God and we are called to serve. Now we have talked before about how we all have different gifts. Some people can sing, some can play the violin, some can play the guitar, and others try to preach.

Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:11, *"Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ."* Why did God give us gifts? He gave us gifts to prepare His people for works of service.



He also reminds us in Romans 12 verse 4, *"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other."* God didn't make us all the same for a reason. There are many different jobs that God needs to be done. Find your gift and begin using it for God's glory.

If we are a church that does not focus on serving others, then what happens is we will become friendly to ourselves and we will take care of ourselves and focus all our resources on ourselves.

We need to reach out to the community, to our friends and our families. We all need to be serving God in some way. God did not call us to sit on a bench; He called us to get in the game and serve HIM.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ... FROM CYNDI SANCHEZ

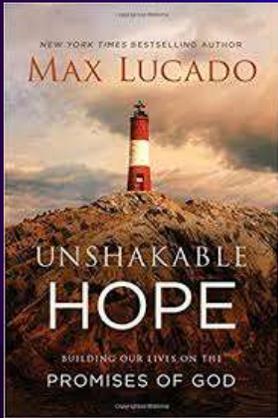
I hope everyone had a great summer! I know the kids are excited for a new school year and the parents are looking forward to the hustle and bustle of school drop offs and school schedules! This month our elementary kids will be studying material from Game Changers by Jeff Slaughter, courtesy of Billie Schneider. The youth will resume with literature Freedom Riders. Ms. Lucy's Mom's Day Out resumed their classes August 27. Please join me in prayer to help find a new nursery worker for Sunday mornings. Thank you Ms. Jessica for helping out in the meantime. My verse for the month is found in Proverbs 3:5,6--**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.** Have a Blessed Day!

TEXAS HUNGER OFFERING

Money donated to the Texas Hunger Offering is dispersed through partners to over 130 hunger relief and ministries across Texas and the world. Coins and currency accepted. Return filled banks by October 28 or you may bring them in early -- empty them -- and take them back home to collect more!

NEW IN THE LIBRARY

Max Lucado's newest book "Unshakable Hope."



CHECK OUT A BOOK TODAY!

September Birthdays

- 1 Susan Howard
- 1 Diann Salazar
- 5 Lisa Martinez
- 6 Gloria Neal
- 9 Virginia Gonzales
- 9 Vickie Herbeck
- 17 Glenda Morris
- 18 Debra Boyd
- 21 Sarah Davis
- 21 Ezra Jacobson
- 24 Larry Neal
- 30 Faith Ortega

DELLVIEW STAFF

Phil Risley, Pastor Billie Schneider, Music
Cyndi Sanchez, Youth, Children
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Lucy Herrera, Mothers Day Out Director
Jimmy Onion, Deacon Chairman

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to check out all the announcements for the month on our new TV in the foyer. Take a minute before or after church to find out what's going on at DBC.

Church Calendar available 24/7 on our website dellviewbaptistchurch.org Like us on FACEBOOK!

2018-19 CHURCH DIRECTORY
available in the foyer.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS IN PROGRESS

It's that time of year when the choir begins rehearsals for our Christmas program. It also is time to remind you that anyone who wishes to make a short-term commitment may join the choir for practice sessions for this presentation. In addition, this year there are eight extra people needed to fill speaking parts. DON'T PANIC – you wouldn't need to memorize the lines, but you would need to be on stage. If you are interested in one of these parts, please contact Billie Schneider to get more information: The Leader, The Laborer, The Mother, The Widow, The Business Person, The Child, The Scientist, The Dad

DELLVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH OCTOBER 14, 2018

Praise Service at 10:45 --- Picnic at 12:00

More information coming soon!



PRAISE SERVICE

Do you want to share your favorite scripture passage during the Praise Service?

We need people to sign up to read scripture (maximum of 15 verses).

We need children, teens, men and women... young and old... you get the ideal

Sign up in the foyer. We can only sign up so many, so sign up soon.

Be sure to write the passage you want to read and which Bible version you will be reading from.

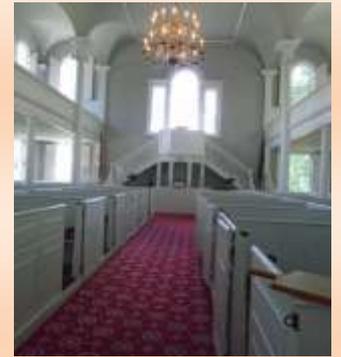
NOTES TO SING BY ... Billie Schneider

A highlight of our summer vacation was a one hour drive (about 42 miles) across the lower part of Vermont. At Bennington on the west border of Vermont, we made a rest stop and the locals were very specific about two special places that were "absolute must see" spots before we left town – a colonial war monument recognizing a significant battle spot, and Old First Church with its famous cemetery fence (most photographed church fence in the world, according to the downtown store clerk) .



We were more impressed with the church and actually spent much longer than we intended listening to a current member give us a history of the church and surrounding community. Old First Church congregation began meeting together in 1762, the oldest church in Vermont, and it has been in continuous use until today. The current building was constructed in 1805 with funds raised by the sale of "boxes" for seating, not pews. The boxes are seats on three sides with a door opening into the aisle. The pulpit is placed very high at the front of the church, reached by steep stairs, and the minister could easily be heard anywhere in the building. Our guide explained that the boxes worked well because you didn't need to see the speaker, only hear him.

As I thought about his explanation and marveled at the beauty of the church, it seemed to me a very good lesson for believers. People say that God doesn't exist because they can't see Him or touch Him, but just like in Old First Church, we don't need to see Him to get the message. We only need to hear what He has to say to us. Jesus' own words covered that same subject when he told Thomas, "*Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*" (John 20:29)



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 26 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM WiTeam Practice 10:30 AM Videos & Visitation 10:45 AM Worship | 27 | 28 | 29 7:00 PM Choir | 30 | 31 | 1 2:00 PM Gym Reserved (April MDO) |
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| 2 Kids Sunday-kids stay in church with parents 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM WiTeam Practice 10:30 AM Videos & Visitation 10:45 AM The Lord's Supper 10:45 AM Worship | 3 | 4 | 5 7:00 PM First Wednesday Bible Study | 6 | 7 | 8 9:00 AM Deacon's Meeting |
| 9 9:00 AM Finance Team 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM WiTeam Practice 10:30 AM Videos & Visitation 10:45 AM Worship | 10 | 11 | 12 7:00 PM Choir Practice | 13 | 14 | 15 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast |
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Thanks to Ben and the Huff family for repairing the picnic table! It looks awesome!



**LORD'S SUPPER
SEPT 2**

**FIRST WEDNESDAY
BIBLE STUDY SEPT 5**

**WORLD HUNGER
OFFERING DRIVE
ALL MONTH**

Meet the Members (and Friends) **By Glenda Castro**

My family (Father: Horace, Mother: Sue, Brother: Larry, Sister: Janice and me) began attending Dellview Baptist Church in 1957 when I was 6 years old. In 1961, I made my profession of faith and was baptized into the membership of DBC by Bro. Jake Setser. Here's a family photo taken in 1963. It was the first pictorial directory for Dellview. I am the girl on the right with the glasses and big ears.



HINNOX FAMILY

My parents required that we kids go to Sunday School and Church every Sunday or we couldn't go out and play. I was so shy that I dreaded Sunday School because they might call on me to pray out loud. I really despised Sunday School!

In my infinite teenage wisdom I was married at age 18; and since mom and dad couldn't "force" me to go to church anymore, I didn't step foot inside a church for 20 years. My only child, Rodney, was born in 1970 so he didn't go to church either. Not so smart after all!



My husband, Frank (pictured here) and I were married June 15, 1988, the day we took Rodney to his Freshman Conference at Texas A&M. It's not everyone that gets to spend their wedding night in an Aggie dorm room! We celebrated our 30th anniversary this year and hope for at least 30 more!

In 1985, I decided to go back to college and get my degree. My son was leaving for Texas A&M in a couple of years and I knew I would need something to do while he was away at school. I really wanted to study Library Science but there was no affordable college in San Antonio that offered that degree. I started out studying Business, then changed my major to Criminal Justice and earned my BA degree in 1989.

A few months before my dad passed away in 1991, I began to feel a real longing for the old time hymns that I had sung when I was a child. The Holy Spirit was working on me, even though I had not made God a priority in my life for so many years. Bro. Justus Selph came and prayed with my family when my father passed away and he invited us to return to church the

following Sunday (he promised he would not call on me to pray out loud!). Mom and I went and never stopped attending.

About a year later Martha Faz invited me to check out her Sunday School class. I laughed and said "no way am I going to Sunday School." She talked me into trying it once and once again the Holy Spirit was working on me because I LOVED Sunday School and especially the teacher, Mary Lou Williamson (pictured on the left... my mom on right).



The Lord really blessed me by bringing Mary Lou into my life. Even though we were 30 years apart in age we became the best of friends and worked together in the Church Library until she passed away in 2005.

About the Church Library: I believe we were at a Sunday School class meeting and Vickie Lee and I got to talking about how much we loved the Church Library when we were kids. Vickie told me "Why don't we get the library going again and you should be the librarian." "Oh, okay," I said, "Let's do it. "



We formed a library committee and began collecting books for our grand opening in November, 1995. We almost had enough books to fill the book cart when we started, and now we have over 1800 books. (This is me and JM Preslar on opening day!)

All it took was one little suggestion from Vickie and a ministry was born. See how the Lord answered my prayers about being a librarian? Now I get to do it for fun rather than as a job.



I know of several people whose kids have drifted from the church like I did. Don't give up on them! I am proof that the Lord never leaves you even when you leave Him. I am so thankful that He watched over me and cared for me all those years I was away from Him. One invitation to church was all it took to return me to the loving family of DBC. There is always hope that other kids will come back to Him as I did.

Keep on praying for them!